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S. 1306

To support the efforts of the California Missions Foundation to restore and repair the Spanish colonial and mission-era missions in the State of California and to preserve the artworks and artifacts of these missions, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 20, 2003

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “California Missions
5 Preservation Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) The California missions represent some of
2 our Nation's oldest historical treasures.

3 (2) The first of the California missions was
4 founded in 1769, and eventually a chain of 21 mis-
5 sions and various sub-missions extended along the
6 coast of California on El Camino Real.

7 (3) The California missions contribute greatly
8 to the rich historical, cultural, and architectural her-
9 itage of California and the American West.

10 (4) The knowledge and cultural influence of na-
11 tive California Indians made a lasting contribution
12 to the early settlement of California and the develop-
13 ment of the California missions.

14 (5) More than 5,300,000 people visit the Cali-
15 fornia missions annually, and the historical impor-
16 tance of the California missions extends worldwide
17 as they have become a frequent destination for for-
18 eign visitors to the United States.

19 (6) The history of the California missions is an
20 important educational component in California
21 schools, and the study of the California missions is
22 part of the Statewide fourth grade curricula on Cali-
23 fornia history.

24 (7) Restoration and repair of the California
25 missions, and the preservation of the Spanish colo-

1 nial and mission-era artworks and artifacts of the
 2 California missions, for the public enjoyment will en-
 3 sure that future generations also have the benefit of
 4 experiencing and appreciating these great symbols of
 5 the spirit of exploration and discovery in the Amer-
 6 ican West.

7 **SEC. 3. SUPPORT FOR THE RESTORATION AND PRESERVA-**
 8 **TION OF THE CALIFORNIA MISSIONS.**

9 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

10 (1) CALIFORNIA MISSIONS.—The term “Calif-
 11 ornia missions” means the following historic Span-
 12 ish missions located in the State of California and
 13 designated as California Registered Historical Land-
 14 marks:

15 (A) Mission La Purisima Concepcion,
 16 Lompoc.

17 (B) Mission La Soledad, Soledad.

18 (C) Mission San Antonio de Padua, Jolon.

19 (D) Mission San Buenaventura, Ventura.

20 (E) Mission San Carlos Borromeo del Rio
 21 Carmelo, Carmel.

22 (F) Mission San Diego Alcalá, San Diego.

23 (G) Mission San Fernando Rey de Espana,
 24 Mission Hills.

1 (H) Mission San Francisco de Asis, San
2 Francisco.

3 (I) Mission San Francisco Solano,
4 Sonoma.

5 (J) Mission San Gabriel Arcangel, San Ga-
6 briel.

7 (K) Mission San Jose, Fremont.

8 (L) Mission San Juan Bautista, San Juan
9 Bautista.

10 (M) Mission San Juan Capistrano, San
11 Juan Capistrano.

12 (N) Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa
13 and its Asistencia (sub-mission) of Santa Mar-
14 garita de Cortona, San Luis Obispo.

15 (O) Mission San Luis Rey de Francia and
16 its Asistencia (sub-mission), Oceanside.

17 (P) Mission San Miguel Arcangel, San
18 Miguel.

19 (Q) Mission San Rafael Arcangel, San
20 Rafael.

21 (R) Mission Santa Barbara Virgen y
22 Martir, Santa Barbara.

23 (S) Mission Santa Clara de Asis, Santa
24 Clara.

25 (T) Mission Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz.

1 (U) Mission Santa Ines Virgen y Martir,
2 Solvang.

3 (V) Asistencia San Antonio de Pala, Pala.

4 (2) CALIFORNIA MISSIONS FOUNDATION.—The
5 term “California Missions Foundation” means the
6 charitable corporation established in the State of
7 California in 1998 to fund the restoration and repair
8 of the California missions and the preservation of
9 the Spanish colonial and mission-era artworks and
10 artifacts of the California missions. The Foundation
11 is exempt from State franchise and income tax and
12 is organized and operated exclusively for charitable
13 purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal
14 Revenue Code of 1986.

15 (3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
16 the Secretary of the Interior.

17 (b) GRANTS AUTHORIZED.—The Secretary of the In-
18 terior may make grants to the California Missions Foun-
19 dation to support the efforts of the California Missions
20 Foundation to restore and repair the California missions
21 and to preserve the artworks and artifacts associated with
22 the California missions. As provided in section 101(e)(4)
23 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C.
24 470a(e)(4)), the Secretary shall ensure that the purpose
25 of a grant under this section is secular, does not promote

1 religion, and seeks to protect those qualities that are his-
2 torically significant.

3 (c) APPLICATION.—In order to receive a grant under
4 this section for the preservation of the California missions,
5 the California Missions Foundation shall submit to the
6 Secretary an application that includes—

7 (1) a status report on the condition of the in-
8 frastructure and artifacts for each of the California
9 missions; and

10 (2) a comprehensive program for restoration,
11 repair, and preservation of such infrastructure and
12 artifacts, including prioritized preservation efforts to
13 be conducted over a 5-year period and the estimated
14 costs of such preservation efforts.

15 (d) MATCHING FUND REQUIREMENT.—The Sec-
16 retary shall require the California Missions Foundation to
17 match grant funds provided under this section.

18 (e) REPORT.—As a condition of a grant under this
19 section, the California Missions Foundation shall submit
20 to the Secretary an annual report on the status of the
21 preservation efforts undertaken using grant funds pro-
22 vided under this section. The Secretary shall submit a
23 copy of each report to Congress.

24 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
25 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary a total of

1 \$10,000,000 during the five-fiscal year period beginning
2 October 1, 2003, to make grants under this section. Funds
3 appropriated pursuant to the authorization of appropria-
4 tions in this section shall be in addition to any funds made
5 available for preservation efforts in the State of California
6 under the National Historic Preservation Act.

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